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Peer Reviewer Shortlist Consultation for the Tuna Harmonisation Pilot

The MSC's Peer Review College has pre-selected David Japp as a potential peer reviewer to undertake the peer review for the Tuna Harmonisation Pilot meeting for Principle 1 (see list of fisheries in Table 1 below), which will take place 21-22 April in Hong Kong.

Table 1. MSC fisheries managed by WCPFC and CAB. [Notes: fisheries in grey are in assessment or re-assessment, others are certified. IFC fisheries are in process of transfer]

Fishery	CAB
Talley's New Zealand skipjack tuna purse seine	Acoura
New Zealand albacore troll fishery	Acoura
Fiji albacore tuna longline	Acoura
AAFA and WFOA North Pacific albacore tuna	MRAG
AAFA and WFOA South Pacific albacore tuna	MRAG
PNA Western and Central Pacific skipjack tuna	SCS
Canadian Highly Migratory Species Foundation (CHMSF) albacore	SAI
SZLC, HNSFC & CFA Cook Islands EEZ south Pacific albacore longline	MEC
Walker Seafood Australia albacore, yellowfin tuna and Swordfish	MEC

A summary of his experience and qualifications is included on the following page. Full CV is available on request by email to the [Peer Review College](#).

Interested stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments on potential conflicts of interest of the peer reviewer with the fishery to the Peer Review College by email, telephone or post at the number and address below.

Please note that this peer review is being undertaken as part of a pilot project to test the effectiveness and efficiency of the system to determine if it would be an option for harmonisation that all fisheries could use, as part of the next fishery process review.

For further details on the pilot and background to the Peer Review College, please visit the MSC's [Program Improvements website](#).

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The deadline for responses to the consultation is **17:00 GMT, 10 days from the publication date of this announcement on the MSC's website.**

David Japp

David William Japp is a practising professional marine and fisheries scientist. His career includes 10 years as a navigator in the Merchant Navy, 8 years of study (University of Cape Town and Rhodes University), 10 years as a principle researcher (Sea Fisheries Research Institute and Marine and Coastal Management) and 20 years as a consultant in the marine environmental field. He is a founder and full partner in the Marine and Fisheries consulting group *CapMarine (Pty Ltd)*. In addition to the management functions in CapFish he consults broadly in the marine and fisheries field. His specialisation includes MSC assessments, Fisheries project management and offshore Environmental Impacts (oil and gas, seismics, offshore mining) activities. He has done 25 scientific publications and more than 100 technical reports.

Since 2004 David Japp has contracted to the World Bank and the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) undertaking project development in east and central Africa where he specialises in fisheries and coastal zone management. Since 2004 he has managed fisheries projects in South Africa, Mozambique, Kenya, Uganda, Angola and Tanzania. He was responsible for the management and implementation of the fisheries components in the Marine and Coastal Management Project (MACEMP) from 2006 - 2012, the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Project (SWIOFP) from 2008 to 2013 and currently the regional fisheries programme under the SWIOFISH project (Tanzania mainly).

Mr Japp has worked on policy and governance aspects of fisheries in the region (South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania), Fisheries economics (Namibia and South Africa) and many fisheries-related programmes involving fisheries management and biology. He was responsible for the establishment of the globally recognised marine observer company (CapFish). Mr Japp has also undertaken numerous MSC assessments, including South African hake, Tristan da Cunha lobster and Russian Sea of Okhotsk Pollock. Other MSC-related activities include pre-assessments of SA Tuna pole, SA longline hake, Kenya Lobster, Tanzania Octopus, Namibia hake, Uruguay hake and Mozambique shallow and deep-water shrimp. In Mozambique he is currently working with WWF in a Fisheries Improvement Project for shallow and deep-water shrimp.

My Japp has global knowledge of fisheries and has undertaken numerous technical projects with the FAO. He works closely with industrial fisheries bodies including demersal trawl, longline (demersal and tuna), pole and line (albacore) and recreational line fisheries. In addition to fisheries, Mr Japp works broadly as an environmental practitioner involved extensively in Environmental Impact Assessments. His specialisation is on ecosystems and management and also the offshore oil and gas sector where he manages a specialist team of consultants providing assessments, spatial mapping (GIS), Marine Mammal (MMO), Passive Acoustic (PAM) and Fisheries Liaison (FLO) services to the hydrocarbon industry.